

KEEGAN WERLIN LLP

ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
265 FRANKLIN STREET  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02110-3113

(617) 951-1400

TELECOPIERS:

(617) 951-1354

(617) 951-0586

July 6, 2005

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

Re: NSTAR Gas Company, D.T.E. 05-36

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

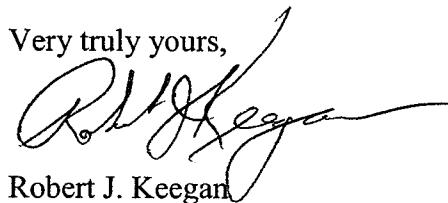
At the procedural conference on June 24, 2005, the Hearing Officer denied the petitions to intervene of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "Attorney General") and Heath and Tara Carey (the "Careys") in the above-referenced matter. The Hearing Officer established a deadline of July 1<sup>st</sup> for any appeal of the intervention rulings and July 6<sup>th</sup> for any response(s).

On July 1, 2005, NSTAR Gas Company (the "Company") received by email an electronic copy of an appeal by the Attorney General's of the Hearing Officer's rulings.<sup>1</sup> Because of the long weekend associated with the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, the Company has not had adequate time to consider and prepare a response to the Attorney General's appeal. Accordingly, by this letter, the Company expresses its intent to file a response, if any, to the Attorney General's appeal by Friday, July 8, 2005.

The Company has contacted both Denise Desautels, Counsel for the Department's Pipeline Engineering and Safety Division, and the Attorney General's Office regarding this request. Ms. Desautels indicated to us that she has no position on the request and calls to the Attorney General's Office have not yet been returned. The Company believes that the Attorney General's representative may be involved in the D.T.E. 05-27 rate case hearings underway today at the Department.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Robert J. Keegan

<sup>1</sup>

To the best of the Company's knowledge, the Careys did not file an appeal.

cc: Shaela McNulty Collins, Hearing Officer (2 copies)  
Andrew Kaplan, General Counsel  
Denise Desautels, Esq. (2 copies)  
Colleen McConnell, Esq.  
Jennifer Cargill, Esq.  
Alan L. Cantor, Esq.